

DECORATIONS.

WHAT THEY COST AND WHERE THEY ARE MADE.

FIREWORKS, FLAGS, EVERGREENS, &c., &c.

The beautiful decoration of our city with its numerous flags, boughs and wreaths of evergreens, magnificent festoons and hangings, which will continue during the Exposition, suggests to the observing mind a natural train of ideas, which, in themselves, are at once instructive and interesting.

In the first place, taking a retrospective view of the subject, we find that Cincinnati has never before been so handsomely decorated, except, perhaps, on the occasion of the May Festival, since the close of the late war. Only within the past four years have people felt inclined to do their utmost when called upon to decorate in making the ornamentation worthy of the event which was celebrated.

This, perhaps, on the national holiday and anniversary of our independence, the Fourth of July, has found a few exceptions, but in the celebration of any local event the assertion is undoubtedly correct.

The actual expense, which was incurred by the people of Cincinnati in decorating the city last Wednesday, as they did, is found by careful investigation to have been from \$15,000 to \$20,000. Of this sum \$8,000 have been expended in evergreens and the remainder in flags. The figures seem large, but are only a moderate estimate made from an authenticated source. The flags which have been used are of various sizes and prices. Of the smallest no less than twenty thousand were sold. They are 2 1/2 by 4 inches in dimensions and cost ten cents per dozen. They are printed on muslin, forty at each impression, by a machine making fifteen hundred impressions or sixty thousand flags in an hour.

The largest flag manufactory in this city, and which supplies the demand of this State and adjoining ones, employs over fifty hands, and the machines which make them are kept constantly running through the entire season being over six months of each year. Of flags which measure 3 1/2 by 6 inches the next largest number are printed. They cost \$1 25 per gross or 15 cents per dozen at wholesale prices. Of the various varieties of flags which are printed on muslin the following are the respective sizes and prices at wholesale figures: Flags 5 by 8 inches are worth 20 cents per dozen; 6 by 10 inches, 45 cents; 8 by 12, 60 cents; 12 by 18, 85 cents; 18 by 27, \$1 75; 24 by 36, \$2 50; 30 by 40, \$4 00; 40 by 60, \$9; 42 by 63, \$15. Any size larger than this is made of muslin sewed together, and one measuring 4 by 7 feet is worth \$3; one 5 by 10 feet, \$4, and one 8 by 12 feet, \$6.

The best English bunting flags, of which the smallest, 3 1/2 by 5 feet, is worth \$4 50, and the largest, 20x36 feet, worth \$80, are those which are generally suspended in the middle of the streets.

Evergreens, wreaths, bouquets and hangings, four years ago, were made up of hemlock and spruce, but subsequently other varieties, intermingled with clubmoss, were substituted, and have been found far superior. These articles grow in vast quantities in Wisconsin and Massachusetts, from where nearly all are obtained. It is shipped in bags and made up in wreaths, emblematic figures, mottoes or hanging evergreens, by men, women and children, who are constantly employed at least three months before the coming of any great local event. It takes about five minutes to make a yard. On last Wednesday no less than 40,000 yards of these hangings were sold at twenty cents per yard.

They last, without fading, from six to eight weeks in summer and from two to three months in winter.

Another article which takes a prominent place in all celebrations and decorations is fireworks, which are more so than decorations, is fireworks in all its branches, Roman candles (plain and colored), sky rockets, grasshoppers, mines of stars, Bengal lights, red, blue, green, white and yellow lights, triangles, table rockets, Saxon wheels, pin wheels, torpedoes, firecrackers, and others too numerous to mention.

These articles are generally made of the finest French chemicals, free from spontaneous combustion and are mostly manufactured by machinery. The oldest pyrotechnist in this city is Mr. H. F. Diehl, of Mt. Adams, having been in the business over 30 years. The cost of a dozen Roman candles, at wholesale, with fifteen balls and of an extra large size, is \$32 50 for plain and \$40 for colored. Skyrockets are worth, for the largest size, \$62 50 and \$120 per dozen, making these prices into consideration, the cost of the usual exhibition on the Fourth of July amounts to about \$15,000 from these two articles alone. Then there are firecrackers, which are manufactured in Canton, China. Last Fourth of July about \$15,000 were expended in this article alone. Many persons suppose that firecrackers are made in this country and are labeled as such coming from China, but this is untrue, as the difficulty which is experienced in manufacturing them at home prevents it.

An attempt of this kind was made some time ago in California, but proved futile, as the price (ten cents per package) had to be increased, and the article was found by purchasers to be of an inferior quality. The manufactory in a short time afterward was abandoned. Torpedoes are made in this country, however, and a large quantity of them are generally sold every Fourth of July. Perhaps the most beautiful fireworks for illuminating purposes are colored lights, made of phosphorus and in different shapes. The composition for producing these lights are as follows:

Red—Nitrate of strontia fused, 40 parts; sulphur, 13; chlorate of calcium, 4 parts; sulphate of antimony, 4 parts. A little lampblack added to this mixture renders the ignition quicker.

Green—Chlorate of calcium, 5 parts; sulphate of antimony, 4 parts; sulphur, 2 parts; nitrate of baryta, 80 parts.

Blue—Meat—Powder, 8 parts; nitre, 4 parts; sulphur, 2 1/2 parts.

Bengal Light—Nitre, 23 oz.; sulphur, 2 oz.

These colored lights generally take a prominent place in large exhibition pieces. Of the latter there is a variety of no less than seventy kinds, among which is the "Mexican Sun," worth \$15; "Fide of our State," \$30; "Night Blooming Cereus," \$40; and American Aloe, \$50. Over \$30,000 is annually expended for fireworks alone in this city.

Another attractive feature for decoration or illumination purposes is the Chinese lanterns. A number of these are suspended along the streets at night, or on the lawn during a fête appearance. They are made of common colored paper, and are mostly manufactured in the Eastern States.

greatly come into use for both illumination and advertising purposes.

A number of years ago they were only employed to create an immense heat for melting the hardest metals, such as platinum, &c., when subsequently they were introduced into London theaters to give a striking effect to a tableau or affecting scene of a drama, and are now generally used for that purpose in all our theaters. For advertising, in the way of drawing attention to any object, they are without an equal on account of the brilliancy of the light they cast. Their preparation is very simple, and the cost amounts to almost nothing.

These lights are produced by the combination of oxygen and common coal gas, and throw a powerful beam of light or calcium suspended in the focus of a large reflector. The action of the oxygen tends to unite with the coal gas, and, by so doing, consumes all the combustible matter contained in it, and, by its reaction on the lime, produces a white light, which is of an intense brilliancy. When a reflector is placed behind this light so formed, the illumination is so strong that the eye with difficulty can withstand the light for a short time. This may have often been perceived when these lights were used on the occasion of the May Festival. Calcium or lime lights are also often used for light-house purposes, but their more common use are those which have already been mentioned.

RELIGIOUS ITEMS.

St. Mary's Catholic church, Columbus, Ohio, will have a new organ costing \$8,500.

The First Reformed Church of New Brunswick, N. J., was organized 158 years ago.

Bishop Haven spent Sabbath, Aug. 29, in Omaha, preaching at the First M. E. Church in the morning.

The Italo-American Methodists residing in Rome, Italy, contemplate the erection of a chapel in that city.

Thirty-one young men of much promise are attending the Methodist Episcopal Theological Seminary in India.

Dr. Clark has received about \$10,000, besides many promises for the future, for the Wesley Monumental Church at Savannah.

The Young Men's Christian Association of Illinois are to hold their third Convention in Jacksonville, October 7, 8 and 10.

The corner-stone of Trinity church, Asbury Park, near Ocean Grove, New Jersey, was laid by Bishop Doane, of Albany, on August 20.

Bishop James, of the M. E. Church, has returned to this city, greatly improved and strengthened in health and vigor.—New York Cor.

The second annual Church Congress (Episcopal) will be held in the Musical Fund Hall, Philadelphia, during the second week in November.

Rev. J. W. Wheeler is supplying the Presbyterian Church at Independence, Mo. The Church is yet without any Presbyterian connection.

A Presbyterian Church has been organized at Pass Christian, Mississippi, and a neat church has just been built, and is entirely paid for.

Rev. H. A. Ottman, late of Bozrah, Connecticut, has removed to Southwick, Massachusetts, and taken charge of the Congregational Church there.

The corner-stone of St. Mary's Protestant Episcopal Church, Mott Haven, New York city, will be laid next Thursday afternoon by Bishop Potter.

The Sing Sing Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. D. Lull, pastor, are about to build a \$30,000 church. They have \$40,000 and the lots to start with.

Bishop Kavanaugh, of the M. E. Church South, has gone to the Pacific slope for the purpose of visiting the California, Oregon and Los Angeles Conferences.

Rev. E. B. Payne, of Cleveland Congregational Association, has accepted an invitation to the Berkeley (Plymouth) Church, located at the State University of California.

Rev. John Montgomery, D. D., (Presbyterian) has received a call from his old charge at Harrodsburg, Ky., and will probably agree to supply them for a limited period.

The new Congregational church edifice of Rev. Thomas K. Beecher, of Elmira, N. Y., is rapidly approaching completion. It will occupy a full block, and will cost \$135,000.

From the Oregon Conference the delegates to General Conference are Rev. N. Doane, Rev. I. Dillon reserve, Dr. Rufus Williams, lay delegate, with E. N. Cooke as alternate.

Rev. J. S. Chadwick, pastor of the Trinity M. E. Church in Louisville, attended the M. E. Church South Camp-meeting at Beardstown, Ky., and took part in the services.

Wesley the Northwestern Advocate of the 1st inst., that Bishop Haven was present at the ministers' meeting in Chicago on the 20th ult. He was to remain in the city several days.

The post-office address of Rev. James Black, D. D., Presbyterian, hereafter will be Wooster, Ohio. Dr. Black has removed to that place to become a professor in the Wooster University.

The diocese of Green Bay embraces the northeastern portion of Wisconsin, and contains a Catholic population of 60,000 souls. There are 98 churches, 63 priests and 13 ecclesiastical students in the diocese.

Oliver Ames has built an elegant church at North Easton, Mass. It cost \$75,000, and has a beautiful memorial window to Oliver Ames, contributed by his sons. Robert Collyer preached the dedicatory sermon.

Rev. Father Ignatius, of the Passionist Order, pastor of the Church of the Holy Family, at Guttenberg, N. J., has been recalled to Pittsburgh. Rev. Father Timothy, of the same Order, remains pastor of the Church of St. Paul of the Cross.

Rev. Dr. J. P. Newman has been deputed by the General Committee of Washington City to see Messrs. Moody and Sankey, and find out what time they can visit that city and hold a series of revival efforts. January has been fixed by the Committee.

The Commission of the Methodist Protestant Church has agreed to meet

the Commission of the Methodist Church in Pittsburgh or Allegheny, Pa., October 23d, 1875, to confer upon an organic union of the two denominations.

The largest religious procession ever seen in the Northwest was on the occasion of the consecration of St. Michael's Church, in Stillwater, Minn., on the 16th of August. Bishop Grace officiated. The church will seat 1,200, and cost \$80,000.

Through the enterprise of Rev. Ah For, a Chinese missionary, a comfortable Episcopal chapel has been built and dedicated at Virginia City, Nev., and 180 Chinese gather there every Sabbath to hear their countryman preach the Gospel.

Rev. J. A. Rooney, O. P., the Dominican missionary of Louisville, has received an order from his superiors to make a journey to Ireland, for the purpose of restoring his health, which has been in a failing condition for some time past.

The Marchioness of Londonderry has commenced the erection of a Catholic church at her own expense in Newtownards, Ireland. The building will cost \$5,000. The corner stone was laid by Bishop Doonan on the 2d of August in the presence of a vast multitude.

The presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church has called a special meeting of the bishops in Grace Church, New York, on Thursday, October 23, at 10 o'clock, for the purpose of electing missionary bishops for Africa and China, and also of receiving the report of the Mexican Commission.

The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (Episcopal) are calling for \$140,000 during the present month, so as to enable them to close the fiscal year out of debt. During the month of August, they received only \$38,000, and unless the sum asked is forthcoming the missions under the Board's care must suffer or cease to be.

The small farmers in the South and Southwest are said to be prospering this year as never before. They have brought in a glut of their land, because they can do the work themselves, and there are so many living in idleness that the reward to those who farm intelligently is gratifying. When the great plantations of the South have been divided into small farms, and shall be owned by industrious farmers, the new era of prosperity will dawn there again, and this time it will be perpetual.

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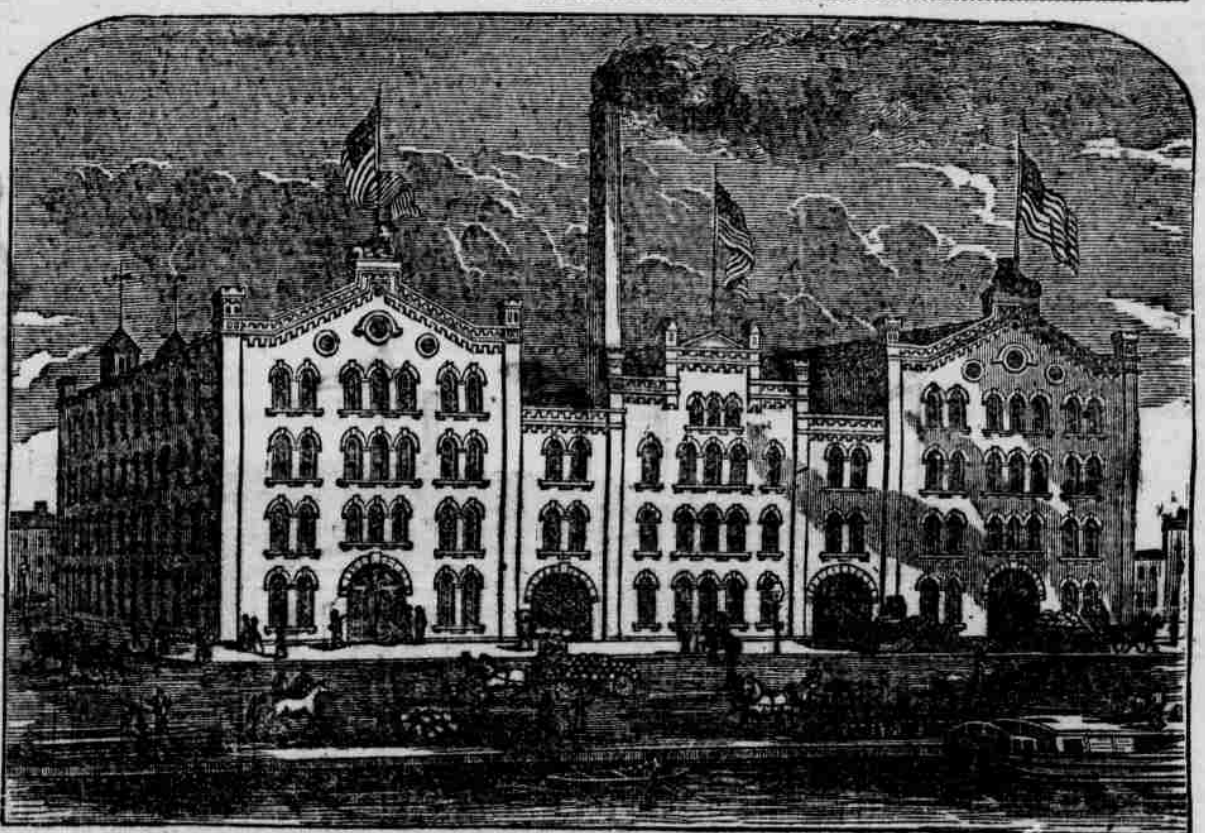
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